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EDITORIAL

EDITORS.

"Editors," says the handsome man who owns and operates the Lawrence Journal, "makes us tired." That is a strange coincidence; they make us tired, too. We sometimes think that it wasn't for editors and editors this would be a pretty fair sort of a world. But editors are forever taking their crowns and raising the devil and the devil is always to pay when he gets started, and often there is no pitch hot, and there being no pitch hot the devil up and goes up and down the world seeking whom he may devour. All the trouble in the world is started by editors. And that is the fact of it—nothing but board and clothes and the support of their intimidated and discredited families.

Why are editors, anyway? What everlastingly and eternally is the use? The editor riseth in the morning full of high hopes and beautiful bulging ideals, and he goes to bed at night full of unavailing regrets and typographical errors. He pranceth up to the dragon of devil, and soaketh it, when lo, it champeth and snorts and he is not. He merely monkeyeth with the buz saw of popular sentiment and picketh himself up in a sack and toteth himself to the scrap heap. He rejoiceth on his decency and patteth himself on the back; yea he annoieth himself with unctious, and churneth his opponent to cheese. He slappeth himself on the belly and pointeth

with pride. But behold his alibi crumbeled; his tin-front wrinkleth; his starch melteth as wax, and when the report of the committee on conduct and behavior cometh, the editor, even the editor of great pride, appeareth before men as the two-spot from the other deck. This also is vanity.

You bet the editor makes us tired. If it wasn't for the editor we would be a happy people. But as it is we sometimes wonder why we shouldn't take a hop, skip and jump and go sailing into history without waiting for the death of tomorrow. There should be an open season on editors so that they might be killed from New Years to Christmas. For editors certainly make us tired.—Will White in Emporia Gazette.

There are two bills in the House whose objective point is the abolishing of the territorial mounted police. This end of Colfax county sees so little of these gendarmes that no dispute would arise from the statement that they had long ago been abolished.

The antigambling law was passed last fall by the present municipal administration, while the ordinance prohibiting the singing of women in saloons was passed in May, 1901, during the administration of former Mayor Walter Talbot.

LOCALS and PERSONALS

Quite an exciting game of polo was enjoyed by Cimarron's enthusiasts. Challenges should soon be forthcoming.

Baseball developments here are quite noticeable compared to a week ago. The baseball grounds have been graded and the diamond surveyed. Sunday a hotly contested game was played between two strong teams. Another game is called for next Sunday.

Mr. B. Williams of St. Louis arrived Saturday and is looking over Cimarron with a view of locating here.

Monday was a very windy and stormy day. Wind and sand came faster than could be reasonably asked for. The storm kept up till about midnight. (That is as long as I was up.)

Ira Duckworth came to Cimarron Tuesday and expects to remain here most of the time until their building is completed.

J. S. Wilson is having his lots surveyed for a modern residence. He intends to build very soon.

Mr. John Leonard and bride arrived in Cimarron Monday night. He is an engineer on the St. L., R. M. & P. Ry. Mr. J. J. Jackson of Cimarron and his bride Mrs. Shepard, of Las Vegas, also arrived Monday evening. Last evening both couples were recipients of a beautiful schivette of shooting and bell ringing which lasted for some time. The balance of the evening was enjoyed by all in a dance in honor of the occasion.

Mr. Harry Rhodes has purchased lots in Cimarron which he intends improving at once.

Work in all construction lines as well as improvements is progressing very rapidly. Material is coming in and very shortly buildings will be completed that have been waiting for it.

Mrs. Hons of Raton has leased the laundry in the St. James hotel and is now ready to receive work in that line.

Ira Duckworth has started his barber shop here while waiting for the new building to be completed.

Judge McFie, last Saturday, Jan. 26th, handed down a decision in the Chappau-Jordan case involving the one-half interest of Mrs. Amy C. Kelly in the Copper King mining claim in this district. The decision was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

G. H. Webster has returned from Chicago.

The overflow of the Colorado river into the Salton desert is forming an inland sea which it is estimated will soon be as large as Lake Michigan. National legislation is now being discussed whereby this may be allowed to continue until the Salton Sea is filled up to the level of the Gulf of California and a canal cut through to connect it with the ocean. It is claimed that it will be the means of absolutely changing the climate of California, Arizona and New Mexico and turning the arid deserts of these into fields of fruit and grain. This lake will be the means of giving New Mexico and Arizona an abundance of rain fall and a more equitable climate throughout the year. Many prosperous towns it is claimed will be established along the line of the canal to the ocean. This is a very feasible conclusion and we hope will materialize immediately. The cost of the proposed canal will not be greater than \$2,000,000.—Tucson News.

THE "SWASTIKA" BASE BALL TEAM

Cimarron has organized a baseball team and the name of "Swastika" has been adopted as its official name. Excellent grounds have been laid out on the north side, south of the railroad and the necessary paraphernalia has been purchased for the team. A practice game was given Sunday afternoon and from the material on hand it is evident that the team will soon be able to meet all comers.

The team will be provided with handsome blue uniforms upon the breasts of which will appear the "Swastika" emblem. Cimarron will have reason to feel proud of her new ball team and it is certain that before the season ends the lads composing it will render a good account of themselves.

In addition to the "Swastika" ball team a "Swastika" polo team has been organized and in the practice game Sunday afternoon some well directed plays were made. The horses used were green ones at the game but they displayed the kind of mettle that goes to make up good polo ponies.

ANY POSTAGE STAMPS FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY

Washington, Feb. 1.—A bill was favorably reported by the house committee on postoffices and postroads today, providing that 10 cents' worth of postage stamps of any denomination may be used instead of a special delivery stamp, providing the words "Special Delivery" be written upon the letter.

A Frightful Accident at Elizabethtown

Special to Cimarron News.

At 2:30 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon there occurred at Elizabethtown an accident, the results of which will be long remembered by the residents of the town. Some several days ago, Luis Leonard, leading Chihuahua merchant, let a contract to Santiago Duran and Flavio Valdez to dig a well on his home place. The men had been working about a week and everything was running smoothly. Tuesday noon they had what is commonly called "a mis-shot." After dinner both men descended into the well, then 30 feet deep, to ascertain the cause of failure to shoot. Leonard himself followed them down but was told by Valdez that he was in the way and requested to go out. Leonard obeyed, but as he started up the ladder, he cautioned them to be careful. He had just entered the back door to his residence—a distance of 30 feet from the well—when an explosion was heard. He knew what had happened and rushed for assistance. The work of rescue was soon begun and completed. Duran was brought up with a good portion of his head missing. He gasped a few times and all was over. Valdez was brought up with broken leg and "jellied" face. One hand was in bad condition, also. At the present time he continues to live but is in a pitiful condition. He is young, only 23, very robust and displays remarkable nerve. This latter fact is very encouraging to his friends. In case he should survive, the thought of his future vision is, at present, a discouraging feature. Duran was a man of about 45 years, a good worker and a man with many friends. Neither of the victims was married.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Vermojo Ditch company will be held at 2 o'clock, p. m., on February 18, 1907, at Maxwell City.

Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Winter, of Las Vegas are Cimarron visitors.

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